President: Order, order. I have received notices of two adjournment motions. The first is from Mr. P. Balakrishnan Tampi.

"I beg leave to move that the business of the House be adjourned for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance *viz.*, the serious public dissatisfaction at the reported ill-treatment of political prisoners and under-trial prisoners in the Central Jail, and the grave public anxiety caused by the reported hunger-strike resorted to by the prisoners as a protest against the ill-treatment meted out to them."

Mr. Padiyara Joseph Kunju: *(nominated)* സർ, ഈ അടിയന്തിര പ്രമേയം ഇവിടെ അവതരിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിനെ ഞാൻ എതിർക്കുന്നു

President: Has the honourable member the leave of the House? Those in favour of leave being granted will rise in their seats.

(Two honourable members rose in their seats)

Only two members having risen in their seats, the honourable member has not the leave of the House.

The other motion is from Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai and it reads thus:

"I beg to move for an adjournment of the business of the Council for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the distress caused among the ryots of Nanjinad by the realisation of tax and water cess in respect of lands left fallow for the Kanni crop of 1114 owing to continued drought."

Has the honourable member the leave of the House to move the motion? (*The House signified their assent*) Yes, the honourable member has the leave of the House and the motion will be discussed tomorrow afternoon at the usual time.

BREACH OF PRIVILEGES OF THE LEGISLATURE COMMITTED BY THE 'MALAYALI'.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: Sir, before the business of the House is begun, I wish to raise a question of privilege of the House. In the 'Malayali' dated 9th February 1939, there appears a report of a speech made by a retired officer in which he has stated thus;

ഈ അംഗങ്ങളെ അയോഗ്യരാക്കി കഴിഞ്ഞതിനശേഷം ഗവൺമെൻറു പക്ഷക്കാരായ കുറെമരക്കൈകൾ മാത്രമാണ് ഇപ്പോൾ ഇവിടെയുള്ളത്.

Because 19 members have been disqualified the remaining hands in the Legislature are wooden hands. He also states further that

അവിടെ ഈ മെമ്പറന്മാരല്ലാതെ ഇപ്രകാരം മരക്കൈകൾ മാത്രം ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കുന്നത് നന്നല്ല.

In the Legislature without these members who are disqualified it is not good to have these wooden hands alone.

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